

Just the Beginning...

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AND THE
First Family

FAREWELL
CELEBRATION
SERVICE

MAY 24, 2011

St. James AME Church
Newark, New Jersey



Moving Forward

OCTOBER 1984 TO MAY 2011

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REV. WILLIAM D. WATLEY, Ph.D.

Senior Pastor • St. James AME Church

OCTOBER 3, 1984 - MAY 21, 2011

"God has a vision for your life that is greater than any vision you can have for yourself or others can have for you."

Educational Background

- Bachelor of Arts in Theology from St. Louis University
- Master of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center.
- Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy-Ethics from Columbia University.
- Post-doctoral work at the Ecumenical Institute in Celigny, Switzerland and Harvard's Institute for Educational Management.

Ecclesiastical Credentials

- Licensed to preach in 1964
- Ordained an Itinerant Deacon in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1967
- Ordained an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1969

St. James Career Highlights

- Longest tenured Pastor of St. James AME Church
- Expanded ministry of St. James from 2 to 5 weekly worship services, 1 to 5 weekly Bible studies
- Increased annual giving by \$2M
- Established the St. James Social Service Corporation which dispenses over 120,000 meals annually to more than 19,000 people and Youth and Workforce Development and Crisis Prevention services
- Visionary and Founder of St. James Preparatory High School which boasted a 100% college acceptance rate and was the only high school built from the ground by the AME Church during the 20th century.
- Began Wednesday Noonday Worship Service with one worshipper and grew to nearly six hundred weekly
- Broadcasts weekly worship services, sermons, bible studies, and prayers via the internet to 6 continents and over 50 countries
- Founded Sunday Worship in South Orange, a second worship location in suburban Essex County with over 150 weekly worshippers
- Instituted separate weekly Youth Church for young people ages 2-18
- Instituted a weekly Young Adult Service
- Authored 20 books and pamphlets
- Founder and C.E.O. of New Seasons Press, the publishing division of William Watley Ministries.

Ministries Created Under His Leadership

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| • Men's Ministry | • Ministries of Hope and Healing | • New Life Ministries |
| • Women's Ministry | • Women's Bible Study | • Christ, Conversation, and Coffee |
| • Dance Ministry | • Men's Bible Study | • Youth I.A.M. (Jesus and Me) |
| • Praise Team | • Wednesday Community Bible | • Hospitality Ministry |
| • Security Ministry | • Travel Club | • Cultural Arts Ministry |
| • Dot. Com Ministry | • Beautification Ministry | • Prayer Initiative |
| • Media Ministry | • The Remnant Young Adult Ministry | • Prayer Conference Call Line |
| • Marriage Enrichment Ministry | • Evangelism Ministry | • Reach Out and Touch Ministry |

Other Career Highlights

- Conference Preacher for the Hampton University Ministers' Conference for two consecutive years as well as a Conference Lecturer
- Has preached on the continents of Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and South America in addition to the island nations of Cuba, Barbados, Bahamas, Bermuda, and Trinidad.
- President and Distinguished Professor of Religion at Paul Quinn College in Waco, Texas.
- Visiting professor at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary, New York Theological Seminary, and Princeton Theological Seminary as well as a guest lecturer at Harvard University, Payne and Turner Theological Seminaries.
- Noted Martin Luther King, Jr. scholar whose Ph.D. is a dissertation standard text in most seminary courses on the ethics of King
- First African American to be appointed Chief Executive Officer and Secretary of the New Jersey Commerce & Economic Growth Commission
- Led the first trade mission from New Jersey to South Africa and convened the first state-wide conference on Commerce for New Jersey's business community.
- Associate General Secretary of the Council on Church Union (COCU)
- Member of the Missions Unit for the World Council of Churches (WCC), and a member of the Governing Board for the National Council of Churches (NCC).
- Served on the Board of Directors for Beth Israel and Horizon/Mercy Hospitals, the United Negro College Fund and the Fund for Theological Education. In addition, he was a member of the Advisory Boards for First Union Bank, the African American Pulpit, and the Interpreter's Bible Commentaries.

FAREWELL CELEBRATION SERVICE

Call to Worship	Rev. Raquel St. Clair
Praise and Worship	St. James Praise Team
Opening Prayer	Rev. Jethro C. James, Jr. <i>Paradise Baptist Church, Newark, NJ</i>
Scripture	
Old Testament	Rev. Ron Christian, <i>Christian Love Baptist Church, Irvington, NJ</i>
New Testament	Rev. Dana Owens, <i>Messiah Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ</i>
Selection	St. James Inspirational Mass Choir
Welcome and Occasion	Rev. Reginald V. Clark
Selection	Gospel Jubilaires
Episcopal Greetings	The Right Reverend Richard Franklin Norris <i>Presiding Prelate, 1st Episcopal District</i> <i>Mrs. Mary Ann Norris, Episcopal Supervisor</i>
Selection	St. James Male Chorus
Tributes from Community Leaders	
Dance Rendition	St. James Liturgical Dance Ministry
Tributes from Colleagues in Ministry	
Selection	St. James Youth Choir
Tributes from Children in Ministry	
Selection	St. James Inspirational Mass Choir
Tributes from St. James AME Church	
Mr. Frank Woods, <i>Vice-Chair of the Steward Board</i>	
Mr. Samuel Snead, <i>Vice-Chair of the Trustee Board</i>	
Men's Ministry	
Youth Ministry	
Selection	St. James Praise Team
Tribute to the First Family	Mrs. Carolyn Scavella
Tribute from the Missionaries	Mrs. Mary Ince
Tribute from the Youth Ministry	Rev. Bankole Akinbinu
Love Gift to Mother Watley	Mrs. Jean Kellman-Smith
Love Gift to Mrs. Muriel L. Watley	Mrs. Vivian Carter
Dance Rendition	St. James Liturgical Dance Ministry
Love Gifts to Pastor Watley	
Final Remarks	The Watley Family
Benediction	Rev. Howard Grant, <i>Presiding Elder</i>

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